



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
*"Parks Make Life Better!"*

John Wicker, Director

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September 06, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR GRANT  
FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
TO FUND VARIOUS PROJECTS AND ADOPT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLANS  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for grant funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed Crescenta Valley General Improvements Phase II Project, Devil's Punchbowl General Improvements Project, Farnsworth Park General Improvements Project, and George Lane Skate Park Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the records of the projects.
2. Adopt a resolution approving the submission of grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for grant funds in the amount of \$4,050,000 available to Fifth Supervisorial District to fund various projects.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept grant funds, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, and payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

4. Adopt a Youth Employment Plan for the proposed projects as required by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District procedural guide.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) for grant funds in the amount of \$4,050,000 available to the Fifth Supervisorial District to fund various projects as follows:

##### **Crescenta Valley Park General Improvements Phase II**

The proposed Crescenta Valley Park General Improvements Phase II Project is located at 3901 Dunsmore Avenue in La Crescenta. The scope of work includes upgrading the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system in the community building; repairing the restrooms adjacent to the outdoor kitchen and baseball fields; replacing lighting; installing a gaga pit (recreational game unit); and related improvements. The estimated total project cost and grant request is \$500,000.

##### **Devil's Punchbowl Refurbishment**

The proposed Devil's Punchbowl General Improvements Project is located at 28000 Devil's Punchbowl Road in Pearblossom. The scope of work will include replacing the roof and repairing/painting exterior of the nature center building and classroom, repaving the parking lot, replacing outdoor restroom, repairing walkways and paving, and related improvements. The estimated total project cost and grant request is \$650,000.

##### **Farnsworth Park General Improvements**

The proposed Farnsworth Park General Improvements Project is located at 568 East Mount Curve Avenue in Altadena. The scope of work consists of general improvements to the Davies Building, refurbishing the baseball field, renovating the picnic area and horseshoe area renovation, and related improvements. The estimated total project cost and grant request is \$2,000,000.

##### **George Lane Skate Park**

The proposed George Lane Skate Park Project is located at 5520 West Avenue L-8 in Quartz Hills. The scope of work includes a new in-ground concrete skate park, approximately 10,000 square-feet, with sports lighting, covered seating area, drinking fountain, bike rack, perimeter fencing, concrete walkways, landscaping and irrigation system modifications, on-site drainage, and related improvements. The estimated total project cost is \$2,100,000. The grant request will be \$900,000. Additional funding of \$1,200,000 will be from Utility Users Tax-Cy Pres II funding available to the Fifth Supervisorial District.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1), by improving and enhancing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to Los Angeles County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The Department is submitting individual grant applications for grant funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District totaling \$4,050,000.

Upon execution of grant agreements with RPOSD, capital projects will be established for the grant projects. The Department will return to the Board for approval of the capital project scopes, budgets, schedules and appropriation adjustment.

#### **Operating Budget Impact**

Based on the description of grant projects listed above, the Department anticipates one-time and ongoing operating costs upon completion. The Department will submit a New Facilities Funding request for these costs and will work with the Chief Executive Office on the appropriate level of funding.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

RPOSD requires that the grantee submit an adopted resolution by its governing body authorizing the submission of the grant application and acceptance of grant funds.

County Counsel has reviewed this letter and approved the resolutions as to form.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Crescenta Valley Park General Improvements Phase II Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project, which consists of improvements to the HVAC system in the community building, restrooms adjacent to the outdoor kitchen, lighting, installation of gaga pit recreational game unit, and related improvements, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (a)(d) and 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c)(d) and 3 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves interior or exterior alterations of an existing facility; restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at an existing facility and construction of new, small facilities or structures. The proposed project includes no expansion of an existing use and will not involve the removal of healthy, mature and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed project's records.

The proposed Devil's Punchbowl General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of replacing roofing on nature center building and classroom, repairing/painting exterior woodwork, repaving parking lot, replacing outdoor restroom, repairing site walkways and paving, and related improvements, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (a)(d), 15302 (c), and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c)(d), 2 (a), and 4 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves interior or exterior alterations of an existing facility; restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at an existing facility; replacement of existing structures involving negligible or no

expansion of capacity; and minor alterations in the condition of land. The proposed project includes no expansion of an existing use and will not involve the removal of healthy, mature and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed project's records.

The proposed Farnsworth Park General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of general improvements to the interior and exterior of Davies Building, baseball field improvements, shade structure renovation, horseshoe area renovation, and related improvements, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (d) and 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at an existing facility. As part of the proposed project, a historic resources consultant will be hired to determine the potential for cultural resources at the park. The assessment is anticipated to be complete prior to the commencement of the proposed project. To the extent that the structures included in the proposed project are determined to have historic significance, implementation of the project will ensure that the refurbishment activities are carried out consistent with Section 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines which requires that work on historic structures, including repair, rehabilitation and restoration, be completed in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring & Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995).

The proposed George Lane Skate Park Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of a new approximately 10,000-square-foot in-ground concrete skate park with sports lighting, covered seating area, drinking fountain, bike rack, perimeter fencing and concrete walkways, landscaping and irrigation system modifications, on-site drainage, and related improvements, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303 and 15304 (a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3 and 4 (b)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of new, small facilities or structures, and minor alterations in the condition of land. The proposed project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed project's records.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These actions will have no impact on any other projects or services in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

### **CONCLUSION**

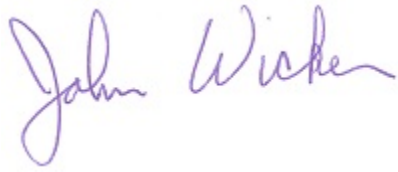
Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter and Resolution to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

9/6/2016

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "John Wicker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JOHN WICKER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS  
AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS**  
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**WHEREAS**, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (Proposition), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Proposition also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to administer said funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing applications for grant funds under the Proposition; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's procedures require the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to certify, by resolution, the approval of applications before submission of said applications to the District; and

**WHEREAS**, said applications contain assurances that the Department must comply with; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department certifies, through this resolution, that the applications are approved for submission to the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department will enter into agreements with the District to provide funds for the development of the Crescenta Valley General Improvements Phase II, Devil's Punchbowl Refurbishment, Farnworth Park General Improvements, George Lane Skate Park projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:**

1. Approves the submission of grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to fund the above projects; and
2. Certifies that the Department understands the assurances and the certification in the application forms; and
3. Certifies that the Department has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects in perpetuity; and

4. Certifies that the Department will sign and return, within 30 days, copies of the project agreements sent by the District for authorized signature; and
5. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, memoranda of unrecorded grant agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

The foregoing resolution was passed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

**LORI GLASGOW**, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**MARY C. WICKHAM**  
County Counsel

By   
*For:* Christina A. Salseda  
Principal Deputy County Counsel

## **ATTACHMENT I**

### **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION CRESCENTA VALLEY PARK GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN**

#### **BACKGROUND (Scope of Work)**

The proposed project is located at 3901 Dunsmore Avenue in La Crescenta. The scope of work includes upgrading the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system in the community building; repairing the restrooms adjacent to the outdoor kitchen and baseball fields; replacing lighting; installing a gaga pit (recreational game unit); and related improvements.

#### **Tasks that youth may perform**

Youth will perform general clean-up duties.

#### **Estimated Cost of Youth Employment**

The estimated budget for youth employment for this project is approximately \$1,500.

#### **Youth Employment Goal**

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation for the County of Los Angeles of \$15,739,750 has been met. However, the Department actively pursues employment opportunities for at-risk youth on all projects where feasible.



## **ATTACHMENT II**

### **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN**

#### **BACKGROUND (Scope of Work)**

The proposed project is located at 28000 Devil's Punchbowl Road in Pearblossom. The scope of work will include replacing the roof and repairing/painting exterior of the nature center building and classroom, repaving the parking lot, replacing outdoor restroom, repairing walkways and paving, and related improvements.

#### **Tasks that youth may perform**

Youth will perform general site preparation and clean-up duties.

#### **Estimated Cost of Youth Employment**

The estimated budget for youth employment for this project is approximately \$2,000.

#### **Youth Employment Goal**

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation for the County of Los Angeles of \$15,739,750 has been met. However, the Department actively pursues employment opportunities for at-risk youth on all projects where feasible.

### **ATTACHMENT III**

#### **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FARNSWORTH PARK GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN**

##### **BACKGROUND (Scope of Work)**

The proposed project is located at 568 East Mount Curve Avenue in Altadena. The scope of work consists of general improvements to the Davies Building, refurbishing the baseball field, renovating the picnic area and horseshoe area renovation, and related improvements.

##### **Tasks that youth may perform**

Youth will perform general site preparation and clean-up duties.

##### **Estimated Cost of Youth Employment**

The estimated budget for youth employment for this project is approximately \$1,500.

##### **Youth Employment Goal**

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation for the County of Los Angeles of \$15,739,750 has been met. However, the Department actively pursues employment opportunities for at-risk youth on all projects where feasible.

## **ATTACHMENT IV**

### **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION GEORGE LANE SKATE PARK YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN**

#### **BACKGROUND (Scope of Work)**

The proposed project is located at 5520 West Avenue L-8 in Quartz Hills. The scope of work includes a new in-ground concrete skate park, approximately 10,000 square-feet, with sports lighting, covered seating area, drinking fountain, bike rack, perimeter fencing, concrete walkways, landscaping and irrigation system modifications, on-site drainage, and related improvements.

#### **Tasks that youth may perform**

Youth will assist with final site clean-up and minor landscaping.

#### **Estimated Cost of Youth Employment**

The estimated budget for youth employment for this project is approximately \$1,000.

#### **Youth Employment Goal**

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation for the County of Los Angeles of \$15,739,750 has been met. However, the Department actively pursues employment opportunities for at-risk youth on all projects where feasible.